

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 20 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-20 have been canceled. Claims 21-38 have been added. Claims 21-38 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1 – 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,848,426, hereinafter “‘426”) in view of Wang (U.S. Patent Number 5,113,445, hereinafter “‘445”). While Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, Applicant has nevertheless canceled Claims 1-20 and added new Claims 21-38.

Independent Claim 21 recites **a printer inserting** one or more printable formatting commands into the initial electronic document. Support for Claim 21 is provided at least in lines 5-6 on page 7, and lines 12-14 on page 4 of the present application.

‘426 teaches a document handling system using a 2-D image code which encodes identifying content and document format information, processing instructions, and encryption keys concerning each document handled by the system (Column 3, lines 1-4). Applicant can find no teaching or suggestion in ‘426 of a printer inserting formatting commands into the initial electronic document. In contrast, ‘426 teaches that explicit manual interaction is required to generate the 2-D image code for a document that does not already contain the 2-D image code. See Column 5, line 61, through Column 6, line 2 of ‘426: “The operation of the system of the invention can be best described and illustrated in the processing of two categories of documents. The first category is documents generated without a machine readable image code. In order to file these types of documents, manually indexing/annotating such document's machine readable

image code is required. After this indexing/annotating, the document can be filed/retrieved/printed by the invention system containing the index/annotation in machine readable image code form.”

‘445 teaches a system for representing and recognizing data in machine readable graphic image form having an increased capacity for encoded information (Column 2, lines 3-7). The system comprises an encoding means for **entering** the data to be encoded into a **processing** means to produce a two-dimensional pattern of graphic indicia. (Column 2, lines 7-14). A printer then **transfers the image of the indicia** (Abstract, Column 4, lines 66-67).

Applicant can find no teaching or suggestion in either ‘426 or ‘445, taken both singly and in combination, of a printer **inserting** formatting commands into an electronic version of a document. Thus, Applicant submits that Claim 21 patentably distinguishes over the art cited by the Examiner.

New independent Claim 30 recites a computer readable medium comprising instructions executable to insert one or more printable formatting commands into an initial electronic document at a printer. For at least the reasons cited above, independent Claim 30 is also believed to patentably distinguish over the art cited by the Examiner.

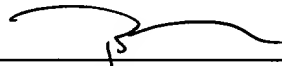
Accordingly, Claims 21 and 30 are believed to be in condition for allowance. As each of the remaining claims depends on Claim 21 or 30, the remaining claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/6000-11100/BNK.

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